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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Exercises in the Jena-Rudolstadt-Erfurt Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 30 October 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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On the evening of 10 October 1953, troops started assembling for an exercise in the Jean-Rudolstadt-Erfurt area. Source believed that an estimated 6 to 7 divisions were to participate in the exercise. In detail, source made the following

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were seen in the terrain. About 200 canvas-covered T-34/85 tanks were seen near Berka and 92 canvas-covered T 34/85 tanks were seen near Buchfahrt. The training area was cordoned off.

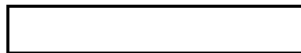
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[REDACTED] Comment. Date and location of the exercise are confirmed by several reports by other sources. Available information indicates two assembly areas: the first in the woods east and southeast of Bad Berka, with the troops assembling there pre-

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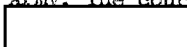
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sumably coming from Ohrdruf and detrained in Weimar on 9 and 10 October; and the other assembly area near Kahla, with the troops detrained in Jena and Goeschwitz between 9 and 11 October. It is undetermined whether the latter assembly area was located west or east of the Saale River. Motor

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witz and coming from the quartering area of the IV Arty Corps and Altengrabow tend to indicate that the eastern group of troop units included elements of the IV Arty Corps and the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig of the Eighth Gds Army. The course of the exercise cannot yet be determined. See



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